

**REMARKS**

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action mailed Sept. 8, 2006. The case is believed to be in condition for allowance. To the extent that any objections or rejections are still applicable, they are respectfully traversed.

Claims 7-9, 12-14, and 24-34 are pending in the case.

No Claims have been amended.

Claims 7-9, 12-14, and 24-34 were indicated to be allowed in the Office Action.

***35 U.S.C. §112***

At paragraph 1-2 of the Office Action, claims 1-6, 21, and 22 were cited under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Such claims are no longer pending in the case and according the rejection is believed to be moot.

***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103***

At paragraph 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-6, 17-19, and 21-22 were cited under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over Fan et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,408,005, issue, hereinafter ("Fan") in view of Varghese et al. "Hashed and Hierarchical Timing Wheels: Efficient Data structures for Implementing a Timer Facility (hereinafter Varghese).

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Should any issues arise that would delay a notice of allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney at (617) 951-2500. It is hoped that a telephonic interview may be helpful in addressing any of the Examiner's concerns.

In summary, all the independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance and therefore all dependent claims that depend there from are believed

to be in condition for allowance. The Applicant respectfully solicits favorable action.

Please charge any additional fee occasioned by this paper to our Deposit Account No. 03-1237.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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